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#### NEW LICENSING ACT.

Sir Charles A. Lawson Applies For a Summons Against His Wife.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Jan. 2.—The first notable case under the new Licensing Act, which went into effect yesterday, came up in a London police court this afternoon, when Sir Charles Allen Lawson, the Anglo-Indian newspaper editor and writer, applied for a summons against Lady Lawson, whom he described as a "habitual drunkard." The summons was granted.

The new act enabled either a husband or wife to procure a separation in the case of habitual drunkenness, and allows the police to arrest an inebriate anywhere except in a private house, whether disorderly or not. After conviction drunkards are blacklisted for the space of three years. If they attempt to obtain drink during that period, they are liable to a fine, while the publican supplying them is fined \$50 for a first offence and \$100 for a second offence. Imprisonment is provided for drunkenness while in charge of a child under seven years of age.

#### BARRACKS BURNED.

(Associated Press.)  
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Jan. 3.—The men's barracks at Fort Brady were entirely consumed by fire last night. The loss was \$65,000. The cause of the outbreak is unknown. The officers' quarters were not damaged.

#### KING GEORGE'S ILLNESS.

(Associated Press.)  
Dresden, Saxony, Jan. 2.—King George is evidently growing weaker and the attending physicians are stimulating his Majesty with quinine. He insists on attending to state affairs.

There are 55 dogs in the United Kingdom for every 1,000 inhabitants.

## ACTION OF ALLIES CAUSED EXCITEMENT

### FORCES WERE LANDED AT PORTO CABELLO

Occupation Only Temporary—Castro Proposes That Difficulties Be Submitted to American Republic.

(Associated Press.)  
Porto Cabello, Venezuela, Jan. 3.—The blockading warships of the powers took all the Venezuelan vessels from the inner harbor here yesterday. They landed forces on the wharf, but there was no firing and their occupation of the place was temporary. The incident caused great excitement among the population.

#### Castro's Reply.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The condition which President Castro attached to his response to the allies' arbitration proposal was in the nature of an alternative proposition. Almost from the beginning, showing an aversion to the Hague tribunal, Castro, while accepting the principle of arbitration, asked that the case be tried by one of the American republics. As President Roosevelt already had declined to sit in the capacity of arbitrator and as some of the reasons which inspired him in his declaration would apply with equal force to the chief executive of any other American state than the United States, he was obliged to withhold any endorsement of this proposition of President Castro.

The reference may be dismissed from the field of possibilities, and unless Castro is unexpectedly insistent upon his own plan the original proposition of reference to the Hague tribunal will carry.

#### HOMESTEAD ENTRIES.

Large Increase Last Year Compared With 1901—Another Proposed Railway.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Homestead entries for the calendar year 1902, were 22,194, compared with 9,145 for 1901, or an increase of 13,049. For the year 1903, the homesteaded entries were 1,857. Estimating four of a family to each homestead, and this would give over 88,000 of new population, but these were many who purchased their land from land and railway companies.

#### Proposed New Railway.

Application will be made at the next session of parliament for an act to incorporate "The Southern Central Pacific Railway Company," to construct a line from Vancouver, in British Columbia, northward and easterly by way of the Kootenay Pass to some point on the Old Man river, in the district of Alberta; thence northeasterly through Saskatchewan to some point on Churchill river, with power to construct telegraph and telephone lines, etc.

#### Judicial Changes.

An order-in-council is passed appointing R. H. Meyers, M. P. P., Minnedosa, to be judge of the County court of Provencer, in the place of Judge Prendergast, who was promoted to the Supreme court of the Northwest Territories.

Justice Maguire, Chief Justice of the Supreme court of the Northwest Territories, has resigned, and Hon. Arthur L. Sifton has been appointed to succeed him as Chief Justice. Mr. Sifton is commissioner of public works in the Haultain government.

#### Without Foundation.

A short time ago a rumor was circulated by a Salmon River Indian, that two hundred Indians on the Upper Pelley had raided a trader's store and killed two white men. Assistant Commissioner Wood, after investigation, reports to the police department that there is no truth in the rumor of a murder by Indians in that vicinity. He also states that a patrol has returned from Tatlamana, and that the Indians there were quiet and knew nothing of any trouble. The Salmon Indians, who started the story, now state that the shooting occurred two years ago. Reports from other places all go to show that no trouble has occurred.

#### THE CHINESE INDEMNITY.

It Is Fear Refusal to Fulfill Obligations May Lead to Seizure of Territory.

(Associated Press.)

Peking, Jan. 3.—The signatories of the Chinese peace protocol, except the United States, have consulted their respective governments and have practically decided to notify China that her failure to fulfill the obligations provided for by the protocol will entail grave consequences. A strong sentiment exists in favor of a compromise, if China will admit that the protocol demands the payment of the indemnity on a gold basis and confine her arguments to the hardships resulting from the increase of the debt by nearly 20 per cent. since the signing of the protocol through the depreciation in the value of silver, and the probable further increase from the expected adoption of the gold standard in the Philippines and in the Straits Settlements, but the powers refuse to waive the plain interpretation of the protocol. The danger exists that if China maintains her position some of the powers may demand territory for compensation.

## The People's Candidate For Mayor of Victoria, 1903.



ALEX. G. McCANDLESS.

Alexander G. McCandless, who seeks the suffrages of the people of Victoria for the first time as a majority candidate this year, is a native of the Emerald Isle, having been born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1841.

While still in his teens, he came to the States, arriving in Philadelphia in 1876. In 1881 he came to Victoria, where he entered the employ of his uncle, Mr. A. Gilmore, in the clothing business.

While connected with Messrs. Gilmore & Clarke, he made several trips to Yale, in the interests of that firm, and in 1887 he was admitted to partnership. For ten years he remained with his uncle, Mr. Gilmore, at the head of the Johnson street clothing firm, and in 1897 became senior partner, his uncle withdrawing, and his brothers entering the firm with himself. Mr. McCandless finally withdrew from the business this fall.

While Mr. McCandless has been a prominent figure in the commercial life of this city, he has devoted a great deal of time to public affairs, and his presence on the various boards of public and semi-public institutions has been of distinct benefit to the city at large. He was a member of the militia for four years, serving No. 4 battalion, B. C. Co., in the old days, before the 5th Regiment was organized, and when the present Premier was captain.

On the board of trade he has been a member of the council for many years, and has at all times in a fearless and independent manner championed the rights of Victoria.

Mr. McCandless has served for a number of years on both the school trustee and city council boards, and also as license commissioner. His popularity with the electors may be judged from the votes recorded when he offered himself as a candidate for these offices. In 1890, when a candidate for the school trustee board, he secured 1,417 votes, the largest number ever cast in the city for a trustee.

In 1900, when Mayor Hayward defeated ex-Mayor Reid, by over 700 votes, the number of votes secured by Mr. Hayward was only 1,281, a considerably less number than that secured by Mr. McCandless for trustee. Last year Mr. McCandless headed the polls of the North Ward for alderman, securing the extraordinarily large number of 826 out of a total of 1,178.

It must be remembered, too, that Mr. McCandless's support has not been secured by election methods, to which he has never devoted his attention, but is merely an expression of confidence by the people in an experienced, capable and honest public servant.

While on the council board he has been identified with many movements for the benefit of the city at large. One reform which he advocated, and which will always be remembered by the small household to his lasting credit, is that of the abolition of the old system of the collection of water rates, and the adoption of the present modern and economical method of payment at the city hall and the reduction of the rate for four-roomed houses from \$1 to 60 cents—a measure of relief which was very much appreciated by the class affected.

To the Indian reserve question, that hardy annual, which has been a feature of political and municipal affairs in this city for so many years, Mr. McCandless has devoted particular attention, and when again offering himself, a year or two ago, for a seat on the council board, his election addresses dealt comprehensively with the whole subject. He has been a strenuous advocate of the retention of every acre of land possible of this reserve by the city, when the final disposition of this property is made, and during the past year, when the city council had the whole matter in hand, he has been successful in materially advancing toward completion this much vexed question. Mr. McCandless has pressed insistently on the government, when interviewing them, the fact that the land values of the reserve are due to the growth of the city, and that the city should therefore derive a proper benefit therefrom. The reservation of at least a portion of the shore for shipping purposes, and of a section of the reserve for railway terminal purposes, is also receiving the closest attention, and satisfactory progress has been made in that connection. He has also been a strenuous advocate of the building of a railroad to the north end of Vancouver Island, especially for one via Cowichan & Alberni, which he believes would mean a great access of trade to Victoria.

Mr. McCandless has considerable holdings in property on Johnson street, where he has conducted business for so many years, and in other parts of the city. In the prime of life, with an enviable record to his credit, with definite plans for the advancement of the city and its interests, and enjoying wide personal popularity, his success at the polls on January 15th is practically assured.

#### WEST AFRICAN COTTON.

Supply May Soon Reach the Manchester Market.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 3.—J. P. Prince, a cotton expert of Greenville, Miss., sailed for Liverpool for Nigeria, Africa, to-day to report on the cotton growing experiments in British West Africa. Mr. Prince goes out under the auspices of the British Cotton Growers' Association, which is being warmly supported by the governors of the West African colonies. It is expected that in the course of six months a regular supply of West African cotton will begin to reach the Manchester market.

#### THE SCOTTISH PLAYERS.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 2.—The Scottish curlers yesterday afternoon won their first victory by defeating a team of local curlers. Halifax led in the morning play by 3 to 0, but the visitors came out with nine points ahead in afternoon play. The visitors to-day defeated two rivals from North Sydney, 25 to 17, and lost one rink to Sydney, 8 to 18.

A Vienna dispatch says increased tariff duties on both grain and manufactured articles are the most important features of the new Ausgleich, which it is learned is of highly protective character.

Word has been received by the management of the Louisiana Purchase exposition that the Sultan of Johore desires to visit the world's fair in 1904 and tour the States.

## YEDDO WILL LOAD AT PORT LUDLOW

### PROCEEDS TO MANILA THEN TO HONG KONG

A Japanese Sealer Fired on by Russians Guarding a Rookery on Robben Island.

From the Royal Roads the steamer Yeddo has proceeded to Port Ludlow, where she is to receive her cargo for Manila. From the latter port she will return to Hongkong to enter dock. She will commence loading on the Sound on the 20th inst., preferring to remain idle rather than accept another charter and run the risk of losing her present engagement. Some complaint has been made because the steamer was not allowed to take on supplies in the Royal Roads without entering in the regular way at the customs house. It is stated that in consequence she will secure the provisions on the other side, whereas otherwise she would have taken them on here. When spoken to on the subject yesterday, Collector Milne explained how the taking on of supplies here without entering would constitute a direct infringement of the customs laws. If it was done there could be no assurance that harbor and pilotage dues would be paid. Besides, a vessel if not compelled to enter might receive aboard an unlimited amount of supplies. In short, such a breach would be opposed to the very fundamental principle of customs law. There are many privileges which the customs provide and which are not generally appreciated. Among them Mr. Milne referred to that regulation which permitted a vessel coming to the Roads and finding there safe anchorage for an indefinite time while waiting a charter without being obliged to enter. Her captain and crew may come ashore and she is not interfered with by the customs so long as no stores are received aboard. In case of a storm she can even enter the Roads for 48 hours before reporting, and even then does not need to enter providing she leaves again within the regulation time.

Another privilege is that extended to a vessel coming from any point on the provincial mainland or island beyond Victoria. En route to sea she can call here for a crew or supplies and the one set of Canadian clearance papers does her. On the other hand, a vessel once entering here does not need to take out these articles at any other point of entry in British Columbia. But there is still another matter which emphasizes the importance of a steamer entering after coming from a foreign port, and that is the quarantining of her. Just now plague exists at San Francisco, smallpox is rampant in Manila and along the Oriental coast, as also in Sydney, N. S. W., old cases of infectious disease have made their appearance. Every vessel coming to this port has therefore to enter quarantine and undergo a rigorous examination, and no one is permitted to land from her.

#### RAIDED SEAL ROOKERY.

A Hakodate correspondent, writing to the Yokohama News-Advertiser, tells of a raid made by the crew of a Japanese schooner on the seal rookeries of Robben island. The vessel started out for a cargo of coconuts, the correspondent says. Off the island a boat was landed and each man took a club with which to knock the nuts off the trees. The boat did not return, and at daylight, much to the captain's surprise, he discovered that the inhabitants were by no means of a peaceable disposition, for they promptly began to bombard the schooner with six-pound solid shot. The captain at once gave orders to slip the schooner's cable and a heavy snow squall coming along at that moment and shutting the vessel out of sight, he was fortunate enough to get his vessel out of range of the guns without damage. A course was then steered to the southward, and two days afterwards the schooner arrived at Nemuro. By working back over the course steered after leaving the island, the captain now thinks that the place where he anchored must have been Robben island, on the southeast side of Saghalien, a spot not exactly noted for coconuts, but in which there is a large seal rookery; also that the people who fired at him must have been the Russian guard, who no doubt mistook the vessel for a seal poacher. The schooner is now at Akkeshi, where the captain succeeded in trading his cargo of salt for a cargo of lumber.

#### BETTING ON RACES.

Evils Acknowledged By Committee of Imperial House Which Investigated Matters.

London, Dec. 3.—The rapid increase in betting on horse racing in the United Kingdom, and especially among workingmen, and the evils arising therefrom, are fully acknowledged in the report to the select committee of the House issued to-day. The committee finds that betting is greatly facilitated by the universal practice of the newspapers in publishing the starting prices, but the committee is not prepared to recommend its prohibition, as it would tend to encourage dishonesty on the part of bookmakers. It recommends that all advertisements and circulars of sporting "tipsters" be made illegal and favors legislation enabling bookmakers to be imprisoned for betting on the streets with children.

#### MARINE NOTES.

There will be a San Francisco steamer due to arrive and another due to sail to-morrow evening. The Queen City will be the vessel leaving for the Bay City. She will carry among her passengers for this city Mrs. Dora Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. William Carmichael, John Gunn, Robt. Stoddart, C. F. Haggart, H. Brackman and Her Donkin and wife.

The Charmer did not reach port until 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning. It was 4:30 p.m. on Thursday when she left the

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Vancouver, and on the voyage down she encountered a gale which forced her to take shelter in the lee of James Island. In consequence, by an admirable arrangement, Vancouver bound passengers were sent away at 3 a.m. on the Tuesday which was bound north and was to call at Vancouver, and which was held pending the Charmer's arrival.

Shipping men are generally of the belief that the ship that was sighted on November 1st by the crew of the British ship Afghanistan, stranded on the north shore of Tierra del Fuego, in the Pegasus, which left Newcastle, England, 177 days ago for San Francisco with a cargo of coal. She has been placed on the overdue list, and offered for reinsurance at 30 per cent.

The steamship Kinshin Maru left Yokohama for Victoria on the 30th of last month with 50 tons of cargo and three Chinese passengers for this city.

Steamer Cottage City will leave for Alaska this evening, carrying a small freight from Victoria.

#### CHILDREN'S EVENING.

Various Sunday Schools gave the Pupils Entertainments Last Night.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of Calvary Baptist church was held last evening. Despite the inclemency of the weather, the room was well repaid by an excellent programme rendered by the children. Supper was served in the school room at 6:30, and the entertainment followed in the church. A unique feature of the evening was a presentation to Santa Claus when he appeared. Instead of being required to distribute gifts to the children, as in former years, he was asked to accept of their hands a great variety of useful articles which they had brought in and which they desired him to pass on to other and less fortunate children. These he graciously accepted, and promised to make good use of them. During the evening brief addresses were given by the superintendent, H. Northcott, and by the pastor, Rev. J. F. Vickers.

The junior pupils of the Metropolitan Methodist church Sunday school spent a happy afternoon yesterday in the school room of the church. From 3 o'clock to 6 o'clock the room was given up to these children. They were given license to amuse themselves in various ways, interspersed with children's games and sports a programme of musical selections and recitations were given. The pastor, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, presided and aptly described the program, in introducing it as a very long and varied one. Refreshments were served during the evening. The friends of the school were present to participate in the pleasure of the event.

The Congregational Sunday school children also had their entertainment last evening, and in spite of the disagreeable weather a large number were present who thoroughly enjoyed the songs and recitations of the children. Tea was served at 6 o'clock for the Sunday school, and the programme commenced at 8 o'clock. After it was concluded Santa Claus appeared and distributed presents to those who had earned them and presents to all the scholars. Bags of candy were distributed and distributed gifts from the children's Christmas tree. The Christmas tree of St. Andrew's Sunday school was held last evening in the hall, Victoria West. The excellent programme rendered by the children was much enjoyed. Santa Claus afterwards made his appearance and distributed gifts from the large well-laden tree. Rev. Mr. Barber, the rector, and Mrs. Ayres, the president of the Sunday school, were present. Before the rendering of the programme cake, candy, tea and other refreshments were liberally circulated among the children.

#### RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS.

Pupils Will Resume Their Studies on Monday Morning.

The schools will be re-opened on Monday next, and the pupils will resume their studies after a fortnight's relaxation. They should be thoroughly recovered from the effects of their Christmas and New Year's exertions and the teachers expect a large attendance. The opportunity for record breaking, and if that be the first day's attendance goes to the wall there will be none more delighted than the city superintendent, who is always on the qui vive for unsmooth records. The re-opening will be celebrated in some of the schools by special exercises.

In the North Ward school at 2 p.m. a short programme will be given by the pupils in the assembly room of the school. At the same time and place the successful pupils at the recent entrance examination will be presented with their certificates. Parents and all others interested are cordially invited.

On Monday at 2 p.m. in the assembly room of South Park school commencement day exercises will be held. The entrance certificates and medals for swimming will be presented. A short musical programme will follow, in which the following pupils will take part: Theresa Meeker, Georgina Rebbington, Muriel Hall, Kathleen Roberts, Ethel Green and Violet Meeker. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all interested.

#### BUILDINGS SWALLOWED UP.

Cave-In at Oliphant, Pa., Has Destroyed Much Property.

(Associated Press.)  
Scranton, Pa., Jan. 3.—Before noon to-day another fall of earth enlarged the big cave-in at Oliphant and removed over half of the upper part of the mine. The Evans building, which stands on the corner of the cavity made by yesterday's cave-in. The house projects far over the cave, and it is feared that it will be swallowed before night. Several large cracks have appeared on the surface of the adjacent property, and the feeling of security which prevailed at daybreak has given way to one of alarm.

The cave covers an area of 150 feet long and 120 feet wide. The mine workings into which the surface fell is 115 feet in depth. Four buildings, dropped into the cavity, one large hotel, value at \$20,000; two double dwelling houses, valued at \$3,000 and \$2,500 each, and another smaller building.

The Delaware & Hudson company, which operates the mine in whose workings the disturbance occurred, has built a switch to the edge of the cavity and is dumping hundreds of carloads of ashes into the big hole. It will take about a week to fill it, even if it does not become enlarged. There is imminent danger that three other buildings will disappear before night, and the residents of the town are almost as badly frightened as they were yesterday afternoon.

#### A YEAR'S ACCIDENTS.

Twenty-Four Men Killed in the Fifth Anthracite District.

(Associated Press.)  
Hazleton, Pa., Jan. 2.—The annual report of the mine safety of the Fifth Anthracite district, made public to-day, shows that twenty-four fatal accidents occurred during 1902, leaving a total of thirty-three deaths. In 1901 there were sixty fatal accidents. The long strike made the difference.





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## AN OLD COUPLE BURNED TO DEATH

### WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY IN ROCKY MOUNTAINS

### Death of Senator Armand—Man Run Over by Train and Killed.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Phyllis Pechette and her wife Marie, an old couple living about two miles east of Gatineau Point, were burned to death in their home on Wednesday night. Pechette and his wife were about 90 years of age, and their family having grown up and married, they had been living by themselves.

Sentence Commuted.  
The cabinet has decided to commute the death sentence of W. C. Cook, the Halifax wife-murderer, to life imprisonment.

Discharged.  
A cable from the high commissioner's office says that 20 Canadians who have been discharged from the South African constabulary as unsuitable are expected in London daily. They want free passage to Canada, which the Imperial authorities are not prepared to give. The commissioner wants to know what is to be done with them. Reference to the terms and conditions under which they were enlisted shows that they have no claim to be returned at the government's expense, unless discharged as physically unfit, or unless they have served three years.

Senator Dead.  
Montreal, Jan. 2.—Senator Joseph F. Armand died last night. Lieut. Col. T. E. Armand was born at Three Rivers, Quebec, in 1820. He sat for Alma division in the legislative assembly of Canada, from 1850 to the time of Confederation, and was called to the Senate by royal proclamation in 1897. He was a Conservative.

Killed.  
Joseph Masson, of Montreal, was killed at Valois village, near here, yesterday, by being run over by a train.

The Grand Trunk.  
Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—The Winnipeg Board of Trade has voted down a motion introduced by A. B. Bethune, declaring against governmental aid to the Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern railway for Pacific Coast extensions. The following amendment passed: "Resolved, that this board welcomes with pleasure the prospect of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway building to this country, but not being aware of the legislative assembly of Canada, it is not now in a position to express an opinion as to the advisability or otherwise of granting aid to the projected line or lines."

Wireless Telegraphy.  
Marconi is preparing to install a wireless transatlantic service through Canada. Two of his experts passed through here yesterday on their way west, to arrange for a series of tests in the Rockies. Winnipeg is to be the halfway house of the system.

Land Sales.  
The year of 1901 was a banner year in the business transactions of the Canadian Pacific land department, but the year of 1902 was better by nearly \$6,000,000. The sales for the month of December totalled \$77,882,614, against \$1,083,280,435, as against 131,151,10 acres for \$400,201,78, in December, 1901. For the year of 1902 the sales were 2,420,000 acres for \$8,140,000, against 831,922 acres for \$2,640,000 in 1901.

DIED IN AFRICA.  
Kingston, Ont., Jan. 2.—Word comes from South Africa announcing the death of Capt. Vercoe, late of the military college. He was one of the staff at the college and resigned on account of ill health and went to South Africa, but the change was only temporary.

The whiskers of a cat are supposed by some naturalists to be provided with nerves down to the tip.

## BANQUET FOR THE CITY NEWSBOYS

### ROYALLY ENTERTAINED AT THE POODLE DOG

Richard Hall Made Half a Hundred Youngsters Very Happy Last Evening.

Through the kindness of Richard Hall, M. P., between fifty and sixty newsboys and carriers were treated to a feast last evening, which they will undoubtedly treasure in their memories for years to come. It was the intention to hold one annually, and special arrangements had been made to make the occasion a memorable one. In this Mr. Hall, who proved an ideal host, succeeded admirably, proof of which, forcible and incontestable, was apparent in the merriment which reigned and the hearty way in which the lads attacked the good things provided for them.

The dining apartment in the Poodle Dog restaurant was decorated with flags and evergreen, while five tables were arranged to accommodate the small host of lads who had been looking forward to the event with the fondest expectations ever since the word went round that Mr. Hall had it in contemplation. The lads assembled at 7 o'clock and to meet them the host had invited His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, Mayor Hayward, Senator Templeman and representatives of the Times and Colonist editorial, business, and circulation departments.

Mr. Hall started the ball a-rolling with a few introductory remarks, in which he requested the youngsters to do justice to the good things on the board. This was the signal for the attack which was conducted with true boyish vigor. The scene was a veritable picture. Nothing went by default at any of the five tables, and the case was one in which actions expressed more eloquently than words the pleasure of the boys, not only the newsboys and carriers, but the boys of larger stature, the gentlemen who flanked the host. The menu was an excellent one, including soup, oysters, turkey, plum pudding, cakes, fruit, candy and so forth.

After having dispatched the tempting array of delicacies the boys were prepared to listen to the brief speeches that followed. Mr. Hall proposed "The King," the lads singing in rousing style the National Anthem. The host in proposing the health of His Majesty said it afforded him great pleasure to see the boys enjoy themselves so heartily. He then explained how the good behavior and enterprise of the lads had attracted his attention, and he determined to show his appreciation by entertaining them at a New Year's dinner. He was greatly indebted to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, Senator Templeman, P. H. Brown and other gentlemen for their kindly co-operation, while his thanks were also due to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of the Poodle Dog, for the manner in which they had undertaken their very important part in the affair. (Vigorous applause.)

He then gave the boys some wholesome advice. He pointed to the Union Jack, which adorned the wall, and told the lads that they should be proud to live under such a flag, that they should be always true to their country and be proud that they were young Canadians. He exhorted them to be industrious, honest and active, to take advantage of every opportunity of improving themselves. He asked them to attend school and after their daily work was over to study their lessons and thus prepare themselves for positions in life for which in this great free country they could all be eligible. The conclusion of Mr. Hall's remarks was marked by an outburst of applause such as only half a hundred healthy, grateful boys can give.

Other toasts were "Canada," proposed by Mayor Hayward and responded to on behalf of the boys by D. B. Rople, editor of the Colonist. All the speakers gave the boys some valuable counsel, and that it was appreciated the frequent outbursts of applause left no doubt. The singing of the National Anthem then terminated the most enjoyable banquet held in this city. If Times readers don't believe this let them ask the boys. The guests of the evening included: W. Lee, J. Rogers, W. Rogers, H. Graham, C. King, M. Robertson, N. King, J. Rule, H. Norcott, H. Gallagher, McLeish, J. Moss, Otto Graham, F. McGregory, T. Rendall, F. Homer, C. Dow, T. W. W. M. C. Gary, J. Watson, G. McDonald, J. Ferguson, B. Kana, S. Crowther, E. Murray, W. McGarr, F. McKay, A. B. McNeill, Jr., W. Jean, W. Watson, L. Heinreich, H. Jack, W. Pym, C. Ekers, O. Ekers, S. Sherk, L. Murray, P. McDonald, L. Abel, J. Jones, J. McInnes, W. Grant, C. Shillings, Russell, R. McInnes, F. Armstrong, M. Sweeney, H. H. Shad.

### LIBERAL GAIN.

C. D. Rose Elected to Represent New Market in the Imperial Commons.  
(Associated Press.)  
London, Jan. 2.—The bye-election at Newmarket yesterday to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of Harry McCallum resulted in a Liberal gain. The polling was as follows: C. D. Rose, Liberal, 4,419; L. Brassey, Conservative, 3,907. As the Conservatives at the previous election had a majority of upwards of 1,000, Mr. Rose's victory is notable. The contest in the great sporting centre was fought with remarkable vigor. Horse owners, trainers and jockeys joined with the politicians in canvassing the constituency and motor cars were numerous used.

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There are few women in Canada who have not heard of "free alkali," but there are many who do not understand the term. The term is always used in connection with soap. If any think it is meant to convey that it is alkali given free with the soap, the alkali is very cheap at the price. But it does not mean that. A soap containing free alkali is a soap in which the alkali is not properly incorporated with the fatty acids used in the making of soap, and such a soap is most injurious to the clothing and hands. Free-alkali soap will burn the nap-off wool and the surface of linen, coarsen the skin of the hands, rendering them liable to eczema, make the nails brittle and chip off. Such a soap does not possess thorough cleansing properties. The difference between a soap containing free alkali and a neutral soap is easily tested. Sunlight Soap is a neutral soap, and no one who has once used Sunlight Soap for any time could with satisfaction go back to any of the common laundry soaps on the market. Complaints about the hands and the clothes are unknown where Sunlight Soap is used.

### WORK ESTABLISHMENT CLUB.

First Annual Dinner on New Year's Eve a Big Success.

A very pleasant time was spent in the rooms of the Work Establishment Club on the evening of December 31st, it being the occasion of the first annual dinner. This club has been organized for the past three months, and has made rapid progress during that time. It now occupies four rooms—one for basketball, a reading room, one for general athletics and a social room. It was in the latter room that the dinner was held.

About 10.30 the members assembled and found a well laden table and a room beautifully decorated and nicely lighted. All sat down to do justice to the good things provided. This being concluded a number of speeches were made, and the night passed off most enjoyably.

The president, E. J. Jones, occupied the seat at the head of one table while the vice-president, E. Hooper, presided at the other.

Three months ago there were five members. The club has organized a junior basketball team, which will meet the V. A. C. on Monday evening next to play the first match of a series in the junior league.

Samuel Watson has been committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter for shooting his brother-in-law in mistake for a burglar at their home in Middleport, Ont.

### WANTED.

WANTED—Girl for light housework. Apply 100 Johnson street.

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WANTED—One or two appropriations in a building society. Address, stating number of payments yet to be made, bonus asked, etc., No. 11, Times Office.

HOME WORK KNITTING given honest industrious families, every locality; good wages; ten dollar outfit required. Write for particulars. Woolen Company, Toronto.

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### FOR SALE.

FRUIT TREES, ETC.—New catalogue, post free. Mt. Tomlin Nursery, Victoria, B. C.

FOR SALE—Grade Holstein bull, 3 years old; also two good heifers, both with calf. Apply Geo. Skinner, Esquimalt.

FOR SALE—5,000 rubbers, men's, boys', women's, misses', from 10 cents. Eden's Junk Store, 125 Fort, near Blanchard.

BRASS PUMP, incubator, butter and milk separator, at Old Curiosity Shop, corner Blanchard and Yates streets.

FOR SALE—Nice lot on South Fort street on sewer; price \$500. Helsterman & Co.

### TO LET.

TO LET—Superior family or boarding house, Victoria West, near car line; all modern conveniences; half acre level turf. Apply Robert Dalt, 28 Dallas road.

TO LET—Two large light offices; best position in city; rent reasonable. Thomas & Grant, 92 Government street.

OFFICES IN BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING—Modern conveniences, heat and water, low rents; also large hall. Apply secretary.

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### WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria  
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 3-5 a.m.—Abnormally high barometric pressure covers the American Pacific slope, while across the Dominion a series of storm areas continue to pass eastward from the Pacific. These conditions have caused very mild weather on the coast with heavy rains. Astoria reports 4 inches in 24 hours, and both here and on the lower mainland 1½ inches. More snow has fallen between the ranges. In Alberta the weather is mild and about zero in Manitoba.

#### Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Sunday:  
Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong westerly and southerly winds, partly cloudy and mild with occasional rains.  
Lower Mainland—Easterly or southerly winds, unsettled and mild with rain.

#### Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.90; temperature 50, minimum 48; wind, south 8 miles; rain, 1.55.  
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.88; temperature 44, minimum 40; wind, east 4 miles; rain, 1.58; cloudy.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.82; temperature 34, minimum 32; wind, calm; rain, .20; cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.95; temperature 30, minimum 20; wind, calm; rain, trace; clear.  
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.42; temperature 44, minimum 42; wind, north 10 miles; fair.  
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.64; temperature 44, minimum 42; wind, north 4 miles; fair.

#### PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound—Mrs. Anderson, J. Conah, Jas. L. Norris, R. Clough, R. Brooks, P. N. Church, W. Scott, Capt. Fairbairn and wife, R. B. Cohen, Chas. Bert, G. H. Sprout, J. Stanhill, J. Gilchrist, Miss Maclean, R. B. Smith, J. L. Villaggio, Mrs. Ede, R. N. Moore.  
Per steamer Charming from Vancouver—J. D. Scott, L. Clegg and wife, S. S. Taylor, G. Hainey, W. Norcross, Miss Rogers, C. H. Ebbelthorn, S. Thompson, M. McFee, Mrs. B. T. King, M. McNitt, Miss Maclean, A. H. Parker and wife, D. Morrison, H. E. Harrison, J. Tingley, Miss Felton, C. Boneyde, Mrs. A. Smith, M. A. Tripp, G. Holland, J. Sheasgreen, Geo. McMillan, J. L. Wilson.

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WAITING A CHANCE.

Government Watching For Opportunity to Open West Yale Before Legislature is Called.

With the memory of North Victoria fresh in their minds, the residents of West Yale are apparently prepared to do their utmost to prevent a repetition of that experience. They are therefore taking the necessary steps towards applying to the courts for a writ of mandamus to compel the government to take action in the matter. A few days grace it is said will be allowed the government to enable them to move in the desired direction before taking decisive steps.

The government it is said do not intend to meet the House with the West Yale constituency vacant. On the contrary they are awaiting a favorable opportunity to open the election. They are thoroughly aware of the fact that their chances of gaining the seat are very doubtful, and that something better than they have now to present must be provided before the constituency is opened. Something to meet the situation is now being sought.

At present one means of attaining the desired end presents itself. This is a successful mission to Ottawa. The visit has been announced. If the "better terms," the panacea for provincial government troubles, are secured an immediate opening of West Yale may be expected. A failure to obtain the desired result at Ottawa must still further complicate the situation for the government. Realizing the importance of the mission therefore it was arranged that a very strong deputation should represent the government upon this occasion. In addition to the Premier it was intended that Hon. D. M. Eberts and Hon. W. C. Wells should go on that mission. It has now been almost decided that Hon. E. G. Prior shall alone make the trip.

The visit of the Premier will be watched with more than ordinary interest by the electorate of West Yale as playing an important part in that constituency having a representative at the opening of the next legislature.

Lever's T-Z (Wine Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than any soap powders, as it also acts as a disinfectant.

## CAUSES FOR THE FERNIE EXPLOSION

REPORT MADE BY THE  
EXAMINING EXPERTS

Mining Engineers Agree With Provincial Mineralogist That a Naked Flame Was Introduced.

The reports on the Fernie coal mine explosion, have been issued from the government printing office. These contain the report of the circumstances surrounding the explosion prepared by W. F. Robertson, the provincial mineralogist, and also the reports prepared by the mining engineers appointed to investigate matters. F. H. Shepherd and Alex. Faulds. The explosion occurred May 22nd.

W. F. Robertson, after examining the mine, states that "the most probable theory as to the cause of the explosion is that an explosion of gas or gas and dust was started in McDonald's level, which in itself was probably not very great; that this initial explosion was conveyed against the air, being transmitted by the suspended coal dust, which the explosion rendered explosive, and which dust was put into the air by the act of loading; that at each loading place it received an augmentation; that the line of greatest force followed such links of augmentation until it came to the narrow neck at the entrance of this section. Here it spread fan-shaped following the line of least resistance through the old workings. In these old workings, the greatest force was still against the air, with its greater amount of available oxygen, and also for the reason that along this line there was deposited by the incoming air current a considerable amount of impalpable dust carried from the main entry and its workings and dropped here under the decreased velocity of the air current caused by the increased area of the airway. This expanding force, meeting with some temporary resistance near the machine section, was halted for an instant, caused thereby coking with consequent further production of gas. The flame swept along through the machine section and hoist entry this time with the air receiving augmentation at each working room until finally it came to a 'dead end' in the face of the hoist entry, where the greatest concussion was produced, as evidenced by the greatest amount of caving. Between Beaver slope and the No. 1 district there is wet 'slag' or swamp. No dust was here available to feed the flame. The same condition probably prevailed north of the hoist entry, which is reported as wet near the fault, so that although No. 1 district got the shock it was partly spent and devoid of flame.

"Every working place in the mine was carefully examined and the evidence is most conclusive that not a single shot had been fired in the affected districts immediately previous to the explosion, so that all questions as to 'blown-out shots' or 'badly placed shots,' or 'quality of powder' may be dismissed as having nothing to do with this explosion, whatever else may be said of them. This is further confirmed by the position in which the shot lighter of the district, Beach, was found. He was away from all workings at the time, and as he alone was allowed to or did fire a shot, this in itself would almost prove that no shot was fired."

He explains the working of the "Bonneted Clanny" safety lamp, which was the only one used in the mine. False keys were easily made for it, and it was on record, he reports, that a number of miners had such false keys in defiance of the law against it. Matches were also found on several of the bodies recovered. While the igniting cause will probably remain a mystery "it is," he says, "almost certain to have been a naked light of some sort which set fire to the slag."

F. H. Shepherd, M. E., agrees that the trouble originated in McDonald's level.

After giving the conditions in which the mine was found, he says: "It is asserted that coal dust even in the total absence of fire-damp may by reason of a blown-out shot give rise to violent explosions, but the presence of even a low percentage of fire-damp will render the atmosphere in a dusty coal mine extremely sensitive and dangerous. The combination of dangers which appear to have caused the initial explosion in McDonald's level are: (1) The dry and dusty condition of the rooms off McDonald's level and particularly room 7; (2) The uncovering of a blow of gas in the roof of McDonald's level near the face on the afternoon of May 22nd. As there is no evidence of a blown-out shot or of any shot being fired in that district immediately preceding the explosion, the only inference that can be reasonably drawn is that a gas explosion or a combined gas and dust explosion under ripe conditions took place by coming in contact with a naked light. What this naked light was there is no evidence to show and probably the truth may never be known; but the fact given in evidence at the inquest remains that a body taken from McDonald's level was found with matches upon it. In reference to the dust on the hauling roads this appears to have been periodically loaded out, but a contributing cause to the dusty condition of these roads is the loose condition of the rolling stock, especially the end doors of the cars which appear to be loose and ill-fitting."

The safety lamp used at the mines, the "Bonneted Clanny," is condemned by Mr. Shepherd as being not safe in gas at a high velocity. "Probably the cause that has contributed more largely than any other to the explosive condition of the mine as a whole is the fact that these mines were working a double shift. The explosion took place about the middle of the second shift and the dusty condition naturally had increased all day and no cooling or settling interval had intervened, and instances are on record which go to show that the second shift

followed immediately upon the first produces conditions in a dusty mine which are dangerous."

He concludes, "that the greatest danger lay not in the hauling road or old workings, but in the newly created dust of the working faces. The fact that dust may be created as freely where blasting conditions do not obtain, to wit: where coal is soft and friable as in room 7, off McDonald's level, suggests that watering precautions may be necessary irrespective of those provided for in the Mining Act governing blasting conditions. Some practical method or appliances is much needed to determine the condition of mine atmospheres both with regard to low percentage of fire damp and dangerous conditions as to the presence of dust. The installation of a thoroughly efficient watering appliance in dry and dusty mines should be made imperative. While the use of ordinary blasting powder does not appear to have contributed to this explosion, its continued use under conditions prevailing in portions of No. 2 mine will always be a source of danger and the substitution of more modern and safer explosives is suggested."

Alex. Faulds, M. E., in his report, calls attention to several dangerous practices which he found in use at the mines. There was not the proper methods adopted with regard to ventilating all the workings. There was also needed some means of watering the dusty parts or treating them in some way which would be equivalent to watering. These conclusions are reached after finding "first, that the explosion followed the course of the intake workings used for haulage where there was dust and no fire damp, scarcely touching the return airway; and second, that the explosion failed to affect those parts of the workings which were permanently wet from natural causes. The use of dust-tight cases, would greatly minimize it and supplemented by thorough watering would no doubt be adequate. The main difficulty lies in insuring that the wetting is done regularly, though a more systematic inspection for dust on the roof and sides of the workings might correct slackness in this regard. If it were generally recognized by the miners themselves that the real danger of explosion, at any rate on a large scale, is due to dust, and not to fire damp, greater progress would be made towards the fulfilment of the hope that with a better understanding of their cause great collier explosions will soon disappear from the record of disastrous events. The verdict of the jury is not inconsistent with our location and cause of explosion as given in our evidence at the inquest at Fernie."

He is more definite in ascribing a cause for the explosion than either the provincial mineralogist or Mr. Shepherd. He ascribes the flame causing the explosion "being either from miner James Muir's safety lamp in some way, or more probably from another miner who had matches in his possession by his either striking a match or drawing the flame of his safety lamp through the gauze for a smoke."

### INSTALLATION BANQUET.

Members of Masonic Order Entertained Last Evening at the Dominion Hotel.

The newly elected officers of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., were formally installed last evening in the officiating dignitary being R. W. D. D. Harry Smith, of Duncan. He was assisted by M. W. Bro. A. McKewen, M. W. Bro. D. Wilson and W. Bro. W. W. Northcott. Following the installation ceremony was a very pleasing incident, the presentation of the Past Master's Jewel to Worshipful Bro. J. J. Riddell, retiring master, who is a member of the lodge. The recognition they so richly deserve. The presentation was appropriately made by Worshipful Bro. J. W. Crocker, the recipient replying in suitable terms.

An adjournment was then made to the Dominion hotel, where the most successful banquet in the history of the lodge was held, which is saying a great deal. It was a function in which the most successful banquet in the history of the lodge was held, which is saying a great deal. It was a function in which the most successful banquet in the history of the lodge was held, which is saying a great deal.

The large dining room of the hotel was made ready for the guests a man seldom approached anywhere in the city. There were present about one hundred and twenty, yet this number was so commodated without inconvenience in any way. The walls of the dining room were artistically hung with bunting, while at the head of the room large pictures of the King and Queen were exhibited. The tables were richly adorned for the occasion. Chrysanthemums, carnations and hyacinths alternated with maidenhair ferns were arranged along the centre of the tables, while intermingled among these were two long lines of pink silk with smilax interspersed, making a very pretty effect.

Following the excellent dinner the toast list was carried through. This was as follows: "The King and Craft," W. Bro. S. W. Edwards; "The President of the United States," W. Bro. S. W. Edwards; "Grand Lodge of British Columbia," W. Bro. S. W. Edwards; "Newly Installed Officers," W. Bro. P. J. Riddell; "Sister Lodges," W. Bro. A. McKewen; "Absent Brethren," Bro. D. C. Christie; "Brethren," W. Bro. R. E. Brett; "Tyler's Toast," W. Bro. S. Hillier.

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**THE MAYOR'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

The Colonist does not approve of the manner in which the campaign against Mayor Hayward is being conducted.

The tactics of the opponents of the Mayor are described as "petty." We suspected that there might be disapproval in that quarter. Probably his Worship also thinks higher ground might be taken. The Mayor is always found, like his organ, in high, altruistic attitudes. He is indeed an honorable man, everalous of the reputation of the city, ever-vigilant in guarding her interests, the very personification of dignity and decorum at public functions, as meek in appearance as Moses, with the consummate generosity of a Joshua, and never a thought for the advancement of his own personal interests in any of the schemes he fathers. If any man be sceptical about these things, are they not on record and capable of verification?

Our contemporary is mistaken in one matter, however. The strongest point that can be brought forward against the Mayor's application for a fourth term is not the length of time of his service. The manner in which he attempted to manipulate the city's affairs during the past year in order to overcome the prejudices of the ratepayers against the perpetuation of the position of chief magistrate in one man is one of the principal objections to the re-election of Mayor Hayward. His Worship is too astute a man not to be fully aware of the depth of the feeling of repugnance in all classes to individuals attempting to what is vulgarly termed "hogging it." Our charge against him is that in his anxiety to overcome that perfectly natural feeling he became a veritable plunger, and has landed one of the institutions we all believed to be firmly established in a hole from which it is extremely doubtful if it can be extricated.

We say it is doubtful whether the affairs of the exhibition can be put in such shape as will permit of the holding of a show during the present year. We charge the Mayor with being largely responsible for this state of affairs. We have besought him to call a public meeting so that matters might be straightened out and preparations entered upon without loss of time for the holding of the annual fair. The officers of all the other exhibitions of importance in the country have been arranging details for months. That is the manner in which they insure success. Here we are in a state of suspense, not knowing whether to go forward or let the exhibition lapse as it did before. Let it be understood that if the concern falls to the ground again it will be more difficult to revive than ever.

Some of the Mayor's friends claim that he is not responsible for this state of affairs. Others admit the responsibility, but say his intentions were good; that he meant well. But why does he not call a public meeting, at which all sides can be heard, all the facts brought out and the responsibility properly placed? That would seem to be the reasonable and proper course. If the Mayor's explanation should prove satisfactory, he would be an infinitely stronger candidate than he is to-day. The very fact that he refuses to call a meeting not only implies that he feels his responsibility, but demonstrates that he is more concerned about his own petty personal ambitions than the material welfare of the city over which he would rule.

The Times is under no obligation to support Ald. McCandless for the Mayorship. The events of the past year would have justified us in advocating the cause of any responsible man who had come out in opposition to the present occupant of the Mayor's chair. No matter who the opponent of the Mayor might have been, we should have considered it our duty to point out the abuses, and the possible losses to the city, which have occurred because of the ambition of one man to exceed the limits which by common consent have been placed upon the Mayorship term.

#### A MODEL FUNCTION.

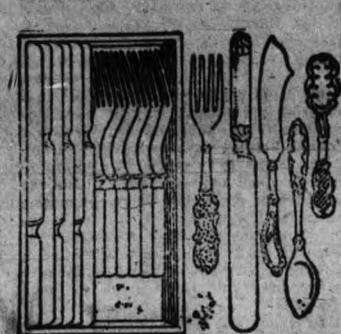
Richard Hall, M. P. P., has a fine conception as to the fitting thing in banquets. He was probably struck with the absurdity and wastefulness of our conventional habit in preparing a fine spread for a company of fat, sleek, comfortable and prosperous gentlemen to peck at and return to the waiter practically untasted. So he prepared a feast and called in a company capable of doing justice to the good things and testifying in the most eloquent manner possible their appreciation of the thoughtfulness of their host. Probably there was never a happier, a jollier, a better behaved, or a finer-looking company of little chaps assembled together than that which gathered at the Poodle Dog last night. It was a treat to see the natural process of evolution by which the rich stores upon the table as they disappeared began to reflect themselves in the appearance of the company. The tables soon "looked sick," as one little chap expressed it, but the boys rapidly waxed strong in appearance and spirits. There might have been an excuse for an exhibition of unhappiness and alarm on the part of the proprietress of the establishment on account of the rapidity with which her viands were disposed of, but she appeared to be also filled with the general spirit of hilarity and good-fellowship. Mr. Hall no doubt gathered from his own experience in the past that there is no use in attempting to preach to boys until their minds have been brought to a condition of receptivity by reducing to the smallest limits the perpetual vacuum that exists in their stomachs. Scientific men tell us there is no "such thing" as a perfect vacuum. So no perfectly healthy boy has ever been known to be fully satisfied from a gastronomic standpoint. But the theory of the scientists was probably never to being exploded last night than ever before. The proof of this is to be found in the patience with which the boys listened to the good advice that was tendered them after they had been reduced to subjection. Probably we should not have used the word preach in connection with the festivities. There were neither sermons nor speeches delivered. Just a few earnest words of advice and encouragement. In fact the banquet was a model one in every respect. It did not occupy quite two hours. All retired from it feeling better in every way from having been there. All feel under obligations to Mr. Hall for the happy thought which inspired him in inaugurating an annual dinner for the younger gentlemen of the press. The older generation were quite as much gratified as the younger at the announcement that the affair is to be made an annual one.

#### SIGNS OF GOING.

Our good, unimaginative friend the Vancouver News-Advertiser has detected sounds of going in the tops of the mulberry trees. Probably the editor when he wrote the article which shows that he has not entirely abandoned hope had just returned from his regular annual Christmas pilgrimage to church, and had there been struck with the beauty of Scriptural phraseology. The writer was in a mind-soaring mood, and with the eye of faith he beheld the pertinacious Liberals moving in the tops of the mulberry trees. The common opinion of unimaginative persons is that it is the Conservatives who are "up a tree." And the trouble with them is that they are not even moving. They had their chance in Vancouver. There is a vacancy in the constituency, and it matters are in such bad shape in the ranks of the Liberals, that would surely be the opportunity for the Conservatives to step in and convince all Canada of the healthy conditions which prevail in Conservative circles.

But it is in remote places that our contemporary has discerned signs of moving. Mr. Tarte has moved out. Mr. Willison has resigned his position as editor of the Toronto Globe, and Mr. S. H. Blake has opened his prophetic mouth and denounced the Liberal party because of the corruption in which it is alleged to be steeped. Well, our Tory friends in the East undertook to prove that the alleged defection of Mr. Tarte was the precursor of disaster to the Liberal party. They held that he was the strong man of Quebec and that without him the government would be in their hands as Bannan was in the hands of his enemies after he had been shorn of his locks. They put up candidates

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And thinking of the days that are no more.

Fresh as the first beam glittering on a dawn

That brings our friends up from the underworld,

Sad as the last which reddens over one

That sinks with all we love below the verge;

So sad, so fresh, the days that are no more.

Oh, sad and strange as in dark summer dawns

The earliest pipe of half-awakened birds

To dying ears, when unto dying eyes

The casement slowly grows a glimmering square;

So sad, so strange, the days that are no more.

#### PRIOR'S INCAPACITY.

Nelson News.

The defeat of the government candidate in North Victoria places the Prior government in a very tight corner. Premier Prior did not exhibit much capacity for leadership when he permitted the fight in that constituency to take the course it did.

Patterson was not in sympathy with the opposition, and had Prior not forced him into taking a pronounced stand against the government the probabilities are that he would have voted with them in the House, rather than force on a general election.

The same thing applies to the Premier's handling of the West Yale by-election. Semlin has no use for the McBride faction, and he would in all likelihood have given the government independent support.

In any event Prior would have escaped the odium of having attempted to disfranchise the electors of West Yale. Prior should consult with W. W. B. McInnes in all future moves. That young man can teach him many points in the game. Prior should dismiss Eberts, break loose from Victoria influences, and pay some heed to the requirements of the Kootenay mining districts. He might then have a chance to last out the remaining period of the life of the present legislature. It is well known that the great majority of the members don't want a general election yet awhile, and given half an excuse they would prevent a dissolution at least until after the next session.

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—At the residence of Mr. George Bagshaw, Fairfield road, on Wednesday, December 31st, Rev. A. Fraser united in marriage Mr. Ralph Bagshaw and Miss Bertha Davis, of this city.

—Dr. Ernest Hall will address the meeting of the Socialist party in Labor hall to-morrow evening. The subject will be "Methods of Moderates in the Control of the Liquor Traffic." An interesting discussion will be looked for. All are welcome.

—Last evening at 261 Johnson street a recital was given by the pupils of Mrs. Hamilton Foot. In spite of the inclement weather there was a good attendance. The music in which the young people acquitted themselves, either on the piano or violin, was much appreciated, and showed that by careful practice had taken advantage of the thorough teaching they had received.

—The next general meeting of the Old London Wanderers will be held at the Boomerang hotel on Monday, January 5th, at 8 p.m. prompt. All members are requested to be present at this first meeting of the New Year. There will be important business on hand, including the election of new members. Any gentlemen wishing to join are requested to be present, or to send in their names to the secretary. An invitation smoking concert will take place on Monday, January 12th.

—The following dispatch from Dawson is of special interest to members of the Masonic lodge in the city: "Dr. A. J. Mills, dentist, has just been elected worshipful master of the Dawson Masonic lodge for the ensuing year. The Dawson Masonic is the most northerly lodge of the world's most ancient order under the British flag, if not under any flag. The annual love-feast and banquet was held this week. A hundred Masons were present, and the most elaborate observance in the history of the club was held, lasting all night."

—There will be an open session of the Sunday school of the Centennial Methodist church to-morrow afternoon for the purpose of awarding certificates and diplomas to the scholars, teachers, and officers for faithful service during the year. Those thus honored become members of what is known as "The Royal Sunday School Army." Certificates of merit are issued quarterly to scholars, teachers and officers, who receive not less than 90 credit marks during the current quarter. After this ceremony each scholar, teacher and officer of the school will receive a present from the superintendent. An address will be delivered by the pastor and special music will be given by the Sunday school orchestra under the leadership of T. H. Mathews.

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—A first offender was fined \$2.50 or five days in the police court this morning for drunkenness.

—The 1903 Great Northern railway permits for clergymen can be secured by calling at the local branch of that railway.

—Hon. Edgar Dewdney is spoken of as a probable candidate in West Yale. He will, should he run, be the government standard bearer in opposition to Hon. C. A. Semlin.

—New for 1903.—Tomato Bracer, the new beverage for bar and family use, is a first class article, made from tomato, beef extract and vegetable condiments. Try it. It's all right. Kola Wine Co.

—Robert Dinsdale, who for thirteen years has been a resident of this city, and is one of the best known contractors of Victoria, announces himself a candidate for aldermanic honors. He will contest the north ward.

—The fire department was last evening called to the Manhattan saloon, at the corner of Broad and Yates streets. A stovepipe passing through a partition caused the fire, which was extinguished before much damage had been done.

—On New Year's Day at Nanos Bay, Emmanuel Wiles, a pioneer of Vancouver Island, died at the age of 78. He was a native of England, and came to British Columbia by the ship Tory in 1849. A daughter lives at Nanos Bay.

—The Naval and Military Record of the 15th of December contains a few items of local interest. The Phœnix arrived at Callao on Sunday, the 14th. H. M. S. Thetis left Sheerness on the same date to relieve the Arctura on the China station. Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont will leave Sydney for England on the steamship Sierra on January 19th.

—The death occurred on Thursday last of Mrs. Charles H. Sharp at the family residence. Deceased was 71 years of age and a native of Mississippi, U. S. She came here in 1858, and leaves behind a husband two sons and one daughter. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock from the residence. Religious services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Westman.

—At Comox the other day the wedding of Mr. T. Prier, a well known hack driver of this city, and Miss Phoebe Beech, was celebrated by Rev. Mr. Menzies. Mr. John Beech, a brother of the bride, acted as best man and Miss Metilda Beech, her sister, as bridesmaid. The newly-married couple arrived from Comox via Nanaimo on Thursday, and will take up their residence in Victoria.

—The classes in St. Anne's academy will reopen on Tuesday, January 6th. The commercial course will start anew, the coming six months being just the period required for the stenography course. The music department and studio offer very good advantages to classes starting together. The physical culture and elocution classes will reopen. The basketball clubs will resume practice under D. O'Sullivan early in the present month.

—On several occasions Aids, Grahame and McCandless have drawn the attention of the council to the bad condition in which some of the streets in the Work Estate have been left by the Victoria Terminal Railway Company. The latter were urged to restore the thoroughfares to their proper state, but nothing was done. So Aid, Grahame has a notice of motion on the city hall bulletin board on the subject. It is to the effect that the corporation do the work after six days' notice to the company, and send the bill to the railway people. The streets referred to are First, between Hillside avenue and King's road, which the motion states is impassable for vehicles, and the crossing at the intersection of Market and First streets.

—The second monthly show of the Victoria City Kennel Club will be held at the Pioneer hall, Broad street, on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at 7.30 p.m. This show will be open to terriers of all breeds, and there will be two classes for each variety, one for puppies, i.e., dogs under twelve and over four months old, and one for (open) dogs any age. Anyone who owns a pure bred terrier should enter it at this show, the entrance fee being only 25c. per class. Mr. Frank Turner has kindly consented to judge, and after the awards have been made Mr. R. E. Hanson will criticize same and explain to the exhibitors where their dog scores. These meetings are open to all, and ladies are especially invited. Dogs can be entered at the hall, and exhibitors are specially requested to have their exhibits there at 7.30 p.m., as judging will commence at 8 o'clock sharp.

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—Walter Lorimer appeared before Mr. Justice Martin this morning to elect. He pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing goods. Sentence was deferred until Monday.

—"Is is an ill wind that blows nobody any good," and the present muggy weather is a boon to the makers of dog mats. It is impossible to do without one. Weiler Bros. have them from 50c. to \$3.50.

—"What magnificence of staging" was the echo of New York's newspaper row about the Bostonians' special productions of "Robin Hood" and "Maid Marian." Costumes and scenery alike were a revelation. The Bostonians have started a new era by their lavish presentations. The Academy of Music, New York, held on the opening night of the "Robin Hood" revival three thousand three hundred and eighteen people, while over five hundred were turned away, unable to get standing room to witness the Bostonians. The company appears here on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

—Music loving people shouldn't miss the opportunity afforded to-night at the Victoria theatre of hearing the Stanford Glee Club. This organization has an enviable reputation in California and possesses some of the finest talent on the continent. In Seattle and the other cities in which the club has appeared, flattering notices have been given them in the press, and doubtless to-night's performance will prove them amply justified. The programme for the concert at the Victoria is an excellent one, running the whole gamut of entertainment from the classical to the topically humorous is the club's best advertisement.

—A new White Pass & Yukon office has been opened in Victoria. For several months past the company have had no local representative, having decided that the business could be transacted through other channels. Since the closing of the office on Government street, however, the company has reconsidered the matter, and on the first of the new year took rooms on the second floor of the board of trade building. James Lipcom, who represented the company in Atlin last year, and who formerly was chief clerk in the local office, has been appointed agent, while located with him in the same office is P. P. Scharnschmidt, superintendent of the B. Y. N. Company. Mr. Scharnschmidt will make his headquarters in Victoria in the winter, going north when navigation opens.

—Jos. Shesagreen, manager for Geo. R. Jackson, returned from Vancouver last night.

—The Marquis of Londonderry, who sells his coal wholesale and retail, has a rent roll of \$150,000 a year.

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### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

**JUNIOR GAME.**

The North Ward and Victoria West Junior teams are playing this afternoon at Beacon Hill.

### RETURN MATCH.

The Royal Engineers and Naval Yard football teams are playing a return match this afternoon at Work Point barracks.

### BASKETBALL.

**FRIENDLY MATCH.**

The Junior Independence team and the Abbots played a friendly game yesterday afternoon, which resulted in a victory by a score of 6 to 2 for the former.

### TO-NIGHT'S GAME.

The James Bay and Fernwood basketball teams will play one of the senior league series of games at the Drill hall to-night, commencing at about 8:30 o'clock.

### THE TURF.

**MEET IN PORTLAND.**

Dr. S. F. Toimila will probably represent this city at a meeting to be held at Portland on Wednesday next, January 7th, of all representatives of cities in the Northwest racing circuit, when the question of a circuit for running horses will be dealt with. The cities having representation will be Salem, Portland, Seattle, Everett, Whitecom, Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, North Yakima, Spokane, Lewiston and Boise.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

**AT CALEDONIA GROUNDS.**

A game is being played this afternoon between the B. A. and Victoria Rugby football teams at the Caledonia grounds.

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(CHAPTER XIX.—Continued.)

"Oh, all in good time, Mr. Plent," she said, still smiling. "But do you know that the Vicar of Briardene is eighty, and the living is in father's gift?"

"No, I did not know; that is—"

"It is one of the best livings in the county," she went on; "and the Vicarage is a delightful old place."

"And—and do you think—" he gasped; "that is—do you—"

"Ah, now, do not ask me any questions. We none of us are sure what the future holds."

"But you think there is a chance; that is—"

"Oh, Miss Elizabeth, your intuitions are so keen!"

"Now you flatter me, Mr. Plent."

"No, indeed, Miss Elizabeth, I do not. You are so much wiser than the whole crowd of women."

"None but God can tell what will be," she said.

"We can see clearly enough what may be. But beyond a certain point our destiny is in our own hands. Don't you think so?"

"I am not quite sure I follow you," he said, dubiously.

"Was it not Shakespeare who said: 'There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune? But—' you know the rest."

"Ah! now I see. You think that what I may become depends mainly on myself."

She laughed a pleasant little laugh, and patted his hand again.

"I think I should like a little walk in the garden. Would it be troubling you too much to assist me? You are so strong."

"I shall be delighted; and it must do you good to get into the open air."

"Do you know, I am gathering strength every day."

"You are certainly very much better."

"When you came I was quite an invalid. Now I feel almost well sometimes—and I owe it all to you."

"No, no, Miss Elizabeth," he said, disbelievingly.

"You are the instrument—under Providence," she said, glancing shyly at him.

She leant heavily on his arm as they walked out to the terrace and from thence across the lawn into the garden.

Dorothy, looking out of her bedroom window, smiled sadly, and wondered what the friendship between Elizabeth and the curate was leading to; wondered also, as she had often done of late, whether she had done the right thing in sacrificing herself to her sister.

The path of duty was very perplexing. Now it seemed clear enough, and now it was wrapped in darkness. To-day she was sustained by an unclouded faith, and to-morrow she groped like one blindfolded through a wilderness of doubt.

What would be the end? she wondered. Would her heart always ache with a fruitless longing? Would she for ever be torn on the rack of doubt, and go down at length into the vale of years unsatisfied, having given her life for another, and fearing she had given it in vain?

"Oh, that I could be certain!" she said to herself, wringing her hands and looking wistfully away across the park. "And yet, what could I do? Elizabeth bends all wills to hers."

## CHAPTER XX.

Elizabeth's Wooing.

The curate's intellect was not a nimble one. His brain moved slowly at the best of times. Neither was he an imaginative man; he rarely looked for things that lay out of sight, and often had no suspicion of their existence. He advanced along the lane that has no turning more rapidly than he knew; and when he discovered how far he had got he was amazed.

Not being an imaginative man, he often used words and phrases in a care-

less way, not seeing that they were capable of an entirely different meaning from what he had intended. Elizabeth treasured up his words. She even wrote them in a little book so that there might be no mistake; and now and then, in a playful way, she confronted him with his own sayings. He could not tell her that he had meant something entirely different, nor was he always certain what she had meant. Nevertheless, she was confronted with one's own words is apt to be disconcerting.

Towards the end of the summer the Vicar of Briardene was seized with a paralytic stroke, and his death became a question of a few weeks or months at the outside.

Mr. Plent was greatly excited at the news, and walked across to Sandhurst at once to talk the matter over with Elizabeth. The living was in the gift of her father, and he had already seen that Mr. Cleveland would do almost anything to please his daughter.

"If Elizabeth will only intercede for me, the living is mine," he reflected, as he hurried along the dusty road. "And why should she not? She has as good as told me she would. If—well, now, what did she say?" and he paused in his walk and wiped his forehead.

"I have never been quite able to make out what she meant in that connection," he said to himself with a puzzled look in his eyes. "I must find out—the matter will have to be settled quickly."

Then his thoughts travelled away in another direction, and he almost fancied himself journeying along a country lane towards a quaint little market-town in the Fens of Lincolnshire.

Fifteen years ago Mary Priestly was a very pretty girl, with a ruddy complexion and a wealth of flaxen hair. He imagined there was no other girl in all the district of the Fens that could compare with her in charm of manner and sweetness of disposition; but fifteen years (taken a great slice out of the life of a man, and particularly out of the life of a woman, Mary's good looks had faded with the lapse of years, her face had become pale and thin, her hair was not so abundant as in the old days, and the expressions of her face were somewhat sorrowful, and there was a pathetic tone in her voice. She had grown sad with hope deferred; moreover, the buoyant passion of youth dies down, expectation gives place to quiet resignation.

He could not help thinking of Mary as he hurried onward towards Sandhurst. If he were presented to the living of Briardene, how she would rejoice! Perhaps, on the whole, she was not quite cut out for a vicar's wife; and if they had not been engaged in the old days when he was only a schoolmaster, the engagement might not have taken place at all. Still, he had never dreamt of breaking off the engagement, he had never seen anyone that he loved so much; and if there were more suitable women in the world, they were out of his reach. No, Mary would grace the position fairly well, he had no doubt, and perhaps the bloom would come back to her cheeks and the brightness to her eyes. Lifted above the constant struggle for bread, her youth might in some measure return and her laugh ring out as buoyantly and as cheerily as in the old days when they built their castles in the air and dreamt all manner of pleasant things.

He was still thinking of Mary, and how delighted she would be if such good fortune came her way when he entered the grounds of Sandhurst. He found, to his surprise, Miss Elizabeth walking alone in the garden. She was very stately, very erect, with a dignity of carriage that was impressive. He could not help admitting also to himself that, viewed from a little distance, she was a very handsome woman. It is true that her cheeks were pale and her lips thin and tightly shut, which gave to her face a somewhat unpleasant expression; but, on the whole, there was no denying she was a very charming woman.

There was no denying, either, that he found considerable pleasure in her company. On most things they agreed. Her views on religious questions, particularly, coincided with his. Then, also, he felt that she had honored him—he a poor curate and she almost a lady of quality—in taking him into her confidence and opening her heart so freely to him.

Hearing his footsteps on the gravel she turned and came to meet him with a pleasant smile, while the color came into her cheeks which made her almost beautiful.

"I am so glad to see you," she said. "I was wondering if you would come to-day."

"It is very good of you to make me so welcome always," he answered.

"Why should I not welcome you?"

she said. "You have been my best friend. You have done me more good than all the doctors. The healing of your touch has been almost a miracle."

He felt greatly flattered, and in his gratitude took her hand in his and raised it to his lips.

"How firm and strong your hand is," she said, with a smile. "It is a pleasure to feel its grasp; to have known you will be the great reward of my life."

"No, no," he answered, deprecatingly. "I am not at all worthy of so much praise. At best I have only done my simple duty."

"It is like you to disparage yourself," she said; "but all great souls do the same. But have you heard of the illness of Mr. Craig?"

"You mean the Vicar of Briardene?" he questioned.

"Yes. The doctors say he cannot live more than a very few weeks at most."

"I heard this morning," he answered; "and after our conversation some time ago I came across to intercede with you."

"Let us go into the house," she said, "and we will talk the matter over together," and she turned and led the way.

He followed her at a little distance, not without some misgiving in his heart. A half-defined fear began to haunt him—a suspicion of something that he had never yet been able to shape into words, a vague feeling that there might be conditions attached that would make the acceptance of the living impossible.

"I am so glad you have come," she said as soon as he had taken a seat in the drawing-room. "Now that Mr. Craig is beyond hope of recovery there can be no wrong in talking about Briardene."

"That is the thought that occurred to me," he said, uneasily. "I have wondered if you could use your influence on my behalf."

"You would like to be the vicar of the parish?" she questioned.

"I should, indeed," he answered. "It would be some compensation for my long years of disappointment."

"Hitherto," she said, "the living has always been presented to a married man."

"I presume it is not absolutely essential that the incumbent should be married?" he questioned, slowly.

"Father may have a strong opinion on that point," she said, slowly. "I do not know."

"It has been a great trial to me," he said, "not to be in a position to get married, especially as there is one who has waited for me many years."

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